

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0041], in its entirety, with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] ~~Figure 13 presents a cross-sectional view, similar to figures 7 and 10, showing the cut tissue sample having been pushed into the sampling tube by the flexible push rod.~~ Figure 14 presents a cross-sectional view showing multiple cut tissue samples having been pushed into the sampling tube by the flexible push rod.

Please insert the following new paragraph between paragraphs [0047] and [0048]:

[0047.1] Figure 20A presents a pictorial view of the cutter sleeve and cutter subassembly along with the specimen push rod.